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and ordinarily but two in longitudinal section. Frau Lampa remarks that the ripe antheridia showed no essential differences whether they were exogenous or endogenous in origin, but an *Anthoceros* antheridium, whether exogenous or endogenous, with a stalk ten cells broad is a heresy that will naturally excite suspicion among students of the archegoniates.

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### NEWS ITEMS

Dr. John K. Small, curator of the museums of the New York Botanical Garden, is again devoting several weeks to explorations in southern Florida.

Mr. Clifton D. Howe, assistant in botany in the University of Chicago, has been appointed instructor in botany in the Biltmore Forest School, Biltmore, North Carolina. He begins his new duties on January 1.

Annual meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of the Botanical Society of America, the Society for Plant Morphology and Physiology, and the American Mycological Society, will be held at Philadelphia, December 27-30, 1904.

Professor Nathaniel Lord Britton received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Columbia University October 31, at the Convocation held in connection with the 150th anniversary of the foundation of King's College. On the same occasion, the name of the chair now held by Professor L. M. Underwood was made the Torrey professorship of botany in honor of John Torrey, emeritus professor of botany in Columbia College from 1860 to 1873. The College of Physicians and Surgeons, in which Torrey was professor of chemistry and botany from 1827 to 1855, was made a part of Columbia University in 1891.